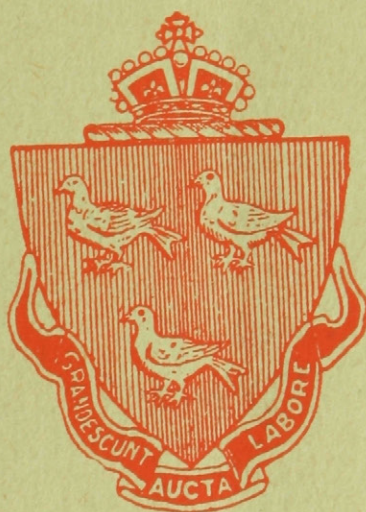


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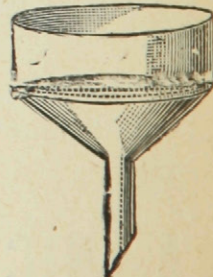
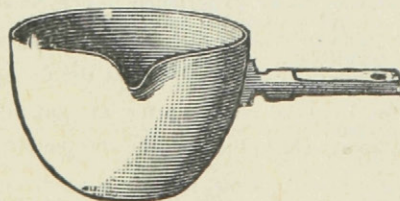
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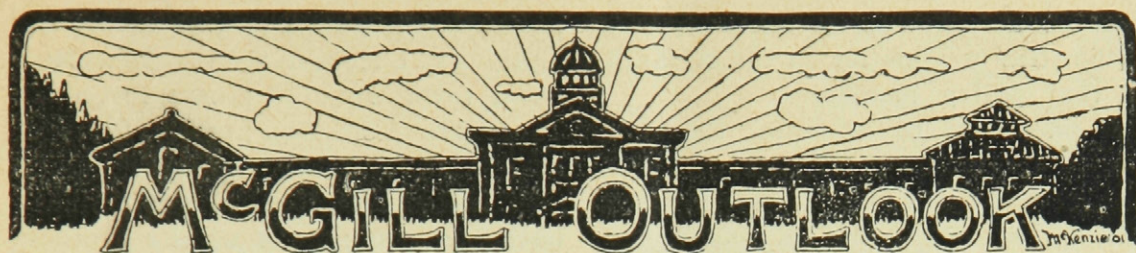
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EDITORIAL.

Revival of a Dead Issue—The Faculty System.

Disappointment mingled with amusement describes the feeling of the students about the farce-comedy staged over in science the other day

by a handful of '05 men. A very excellent report of it, accompanied with some pertinent comment, appears in another column; little remains to be said in criticism of what was done. By this time the presumptuous resolution representing the opinions of sixty-six science students, many of whom will soon be "defunct braves" as far as undergraduate life is concerned, will perhaps have passed to the Grounds and Athletic, and other committees for consideration. As strong supporters of the Year system, the OUTLOOK Board sincerely trusts

that no action will be taken by the authorities in athletics on the strength of that paltry manifesto.

If one stops to estimate the consensus of opinion throughout the student body on this matter, here is what will be learned:—Arts is unanimous for the present system; Medicine, after thorough discussion, so recently as last October declared by a strong majority its allegiance to the Year system; Science '07 is, with very few exceptions, enthusiastic Year supporters, and as far as we can learn the leading athletes of Science '06 were strongly opposed to the Faculty cause on Tuesday of last week. To-day a vote in Medicine would bring forth a larger majority for the Year system than was recorded last fall; for at that time it was '05 men who defended faculty. Therefore, there is left to the opposition a handful from Medicine, and perhaps one-half of Science, including '05—a poor warrant for a return to the objectionable past. The very fact that only sixty-six men of that ilk could be mustered out of an aggregate of three hundred and fifty science students, when they were on the offensive, is the strongest possible evidence of the futility of their cause. Indeed, it looks very much as though this latest coup would only strengthen the Year party by showing how little live disaffection exists.

Among the sentiments expressed by Faculty demagogues the other day, were some thrusts at the present Editor. Especially the reference to "B. A.'s," "preachers of holiness" and such like compliments. We have no apology for being a B.A., and much less for being a "preacher of holiness" in the broadest sense, including advocacy of the Year system. Poorly though we qualify for these high titles, we rejoice that the effort to do so has subdued in us much of the narrowness that characterizes the men who agitate for Faculty organi-

zation with the words:—"I like to fight," "If I meet a Fourth Year Med. down town what do I care for him." There are men—the highest types of men—who, thinking on the motley multitudes that people this earth, have unshaken convictions of the brotherhood of man, yet here are creatures, claiming to be university men, who know no brotherhood wider than Faculty. Heaven and all grounds and athletic committees help them!

A page from the history of the Faculty system in its palmy days gives us a view of its seamy side. An enquiry by our newly elected manager of the Football Club, W. J. Patterson, about the working of the Faculty system while in vogue, elicited the following from no less reliable source than Tom Graydon. The Faculty that managed to corral the captaincy of the football team commonly stocked the team with its men, regardless of comparative merit. The climax to this procedure occurred when a Science captain took an aggregation mostly from his Faculty to Toronto and met defeat to the merry tune of 43 to 2. Well, an outcry leading to an investigation greeted them on his return, with the result that most of the team in question were found incapable of making even second class rank. Naturally Tom and our new senior manager does not welcome reaction; the latter is prepared to strenuously oppose it.

If the real reason for this agitation were asked of its promoters, we conceive that they would declare it financial. The argument so generally advanced last session—that our failure to win Intercollegiate championships was blameable to the student organization—has had to be withdrawn under circumstances of such marked success as attended university sport this session. Looking to the financial problem, we are quite aware that it deserves the most serious reckoning.

But we will not admit for one moment that its solution lies only in the direction of the Faculty system. Let us cite a case well-known to us. Queen's University has had a very enviable record, both in esprit-de-corps and in sport. We attended there from '93 to '97, when perhaps she enjoyed most glory; and, with fewer than half the students we claim here, she had neither Faculty system nor financial problem. No, but she had then, and has yet, a unity of enthusiastic college spirit founded on something more worthy and efficient than divisive organization. And what were the keystones? Primarily her democracy so diligently fostered by the Alma Mater Society and then her traditions. In the face of such an object lesson, we cannot be forced to take refuge in any such makeshift as the Faculty system.



College Elections.

The boom which a rousing public election of officers in student societies gives to college spirit is something that has not yet been thoroughly appreciated at McGill. That this is the only great Canadian University—perhaps the only American—that has no grand election which interests a great proportion, if not all students, and stirs them up to fever heat is worthy of consideration in accounting for our deplorable lack of college spirit. Toronto University for years past has had her annual furore on the occasion of the elections to "The Literary and Scientific Society." At Queen's the winning of an Intercollegiate championship is not attended with any greater riot of college spirit than is their Alma Mater Society elections held on the first Saturday in each December. At the latter institution every man, woman and Freshman duly enregistered, is made to feel that

he is a part of the university body politic in a very real sense,—or a nonentity; and the enthusiasm aroused on such occasions explains very largely the remarkably heavy excursions Queen's students make to accompany their teams.

At McGill, we welcome with peculiar pleasure the innovation which was first carried into effect at the recent election of President of the Athletic Association. This looks like the first streaks of dawn of a better day. And this relates itself very immediately in our mind with the formation of some one strong central organization, which like a federal parliament, should be pre-eminent in all matters affecting student life. Such an institution we now lack. Our Alma Mater Society which, if it stands for anything, should fill this need, is at present a misnomer. The trivial arrangements for the somewhat outworn Theatre-Night burlesques are practically its whole charge, and while it has no better excuse for existence, we contend we are but heaping indignity upon the revered name "Alma Mater." With the prospect of a very commodious assembly hall in the "Union," why should we not effect a reorganization of college societies under the Alma Mater Society as the supreme court of appeal, and then put on such a vigorous annual election of officers to its executive, that we should feel no need of reverting to any such relic of barbarism as the "Old Faculty System" to work up a spurious esprit-de-corps. In this connection, we would suggest that in the best interests of McGill, the OUTLOOK should be brought under the jurisdiction of such an enlarged Alma Mater Society. At present the Board of the college journal cannot be said to be representative of the student body. It is the creation of the retiring Board and it is answerable to no one. This savors too much of bureau-

cracy to pass smoothly through the crops of a democratic student public. When anything offensive to its readers appears—such as that most ignoble contribution to the Outlet column of a few weeks past—there is no regular avenue of retribution. By all means let us have a change, and that soon.



A Rejoinder.

"All's Well That Ends Well" is the title of an article from a Science contributor to a later page of this issue. This sounds pleasant wheresoever applied amid the asperities of life, but particularly happy are we to read it in the latest comment upon the unfortunate incident that so estranged students and Faculty during the past year. The forces have been once more adjusted; the educational machine has been put in even motion again; and if we may believe the buoyant spirit of our contributor to be general, all will certainly be well hereafter.

Apropos of this subject, let us express our regret that on more than one occasion in the past year The OUTLOOK contained rather harsh criticisms of professors by students. It is surely a most futile, most unwise course to pursue toward the redress of supposed or real grievances to give them the publicity of the student organ. McGill has a name on this continent—and we venture to say the world over—that merits the most jealous esteem and safe-guarding. How traitorous, therefore, it is to cause anything derogatory to that name to circulate through The OUTLOOK into quarters where the sorest malcontent would not dream of uttering an adverse word. We do not claim that there has not been cause for complaint. Far from it; things human—men and their creations—are

only relatively perfect. But we earnestly solicit a generous regard for the difficulties and weaknesses of our authorities and advise that we exercise more caution about what we say of our university to the world.



Farewell.

Opening spring comes in due course to release our broad land from the rigorous bondage of winter's rule; it marks at the same time the termination of a more or less exacting task that "The OUTLOOK" Board bears through the months and weeks of the session preceding this happy season. We are perhaps not altogether warranted in describing our service a task. It is self-imposed, or at least imposed upon us by friends against whose importunities we do not sufficiently arm and defend ourselves. But, though in the right perspective, a position on the Board or on its staff of reporters should be esteemed a rare privilege and opportunity, it would be vain to gainsay that the pleasure pertaining to the work begins to fall upon us as we ponder the forebodings of the immediate academic future.

With this number we finish our course. We leave our works to follow us, in the hope that if they do not add kudos to the traditions of the past in McGill's student journalism, they may at worst not detract seriously from it. Our loudest boast is, that we followed the traditions of our past. To no unique departure in the form either of novelty or improvement can we lay claim, and hence we have left to our successors broad scope for advance—a possibility and desideratum. As we transfer our mantles to those who may take shelter beneath them after us, it is our prerogative to offer some suggestions. The present

editor at this juncture makes bold to put forward his individual views. Primarily he would venture to say that since McGill possesses so valid a title to description as the "Most representative university in Canada," it is due our readers to see some recognition of this fact through the editorial and contributed columns. Some notice should be taken through these columns of the problems of our country's life. Interests that are very vital to the true citizen should not be less so to us in our college career. If our education is to constitute a broad liberal preparation for more useful citizenship than our untutored condition would make possible, we must not allow the affairs of the classroom and the social whirl to obscure the ultimate and larger concern. Admittedly, this sounds ideal—perhaps fantastic—but let us explain. We do not suggest that our college paper become a review of current events; simply let us feel by an occasional article (editorial or other) that we are not wholly self-centred; that like students of any thoroughly national university, we rise to see past our own narrow horizon-line out to the vast prospect of our glorious Canadian heritage; that in brief, we owe a duty to the commonweal, that even in the midst of college activities and amenities, should make us—

"Yearn, beyond the sky-line,

Where the strange roads go down."

Someone may object that numerous non-academic journals are filling all this need. Yes, in a sense—but not with the same direct effectiveness that our college paper could exercise.

Another recommendation that we would offer is, that an occasional bio-

graphy of a successful graduate or of a member of one of our faculties be introduced instead of some lengthy reports of societies that interest only a small circle. A few only of the students perhaps had the pleasure of reading a most entertaining biography of our former medical adviser in athletics, Dr. Tait McKenzie, which appeared some weeks ago in the New York "Outlook." That was a most excellent article—very fitting to appear in our college paper. Besides the warmth of sympathetic admiration in its writer and the literary merit of his style, the article presented a career that must be an inspiration to whosoever hears of it. Just how much "The OUTLOOK" might augment its influence by developing this possibility, we leave it to our successors to estimate; suffice it to say, we are all more or less conscious imitators, and none is so stolid as to be outside the appeal of the heroic in a fellow-man, even though he be a local prophet.



A personal or alumni column in The OUTLOOK would be another very welcome innovation to many of its readers. At present we seem to regard not the links that bind us to our past, to think not of the sons of our Alma Mater who, quite unknown to us, are daily winning battles in life that rebound to the honour of old McGill. Such a department would make us feel that every undergraduate has a future, that of his career the student body takes more than a passing notice; that each is looked to for something after graduation worthy of the name his sheepskin bears.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Student Work in Calcutta.

The McGill Y. M. C. A. is working among approximately nine hundred men, in a city where there are over a hundred churches, and where the standard set by those supposed to lead is distinctly on the side of right living. The work of the college branch of the Y. M. C. A. of Calcutta is among more than nine hundred thousand students, in a city twice the size of Montreal, where there is in addition, at least a nominal faith in some heathen deity or deities, where one is a notable exception who will make even a pretence of a Christian life, and among men speaking another language than English.

Under such conditions as these the problem must necessarily be largely one of interesting the students enough to get them to use the Association building. To accomplish this, different methods are employed,—open air meetings in the College Square, lantern lectures supplemented by other lectures on literary or scientific subjects, and monthly social meetings in the building. For those who have been attracted to such meetings, there are others in which they may come into still closer touch with the workers,—the tri-weekly gospel meetings, Bible classes held every evening,—and in addition men are invited to come to the Association for personal interviews. These opportunities of learning more of the civilization and religious life of the West, as well as of mingling socially with each other, are embraced by many, an average of three hundred men per day now making use of the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

One feature of the work that may at times prove discouraging, is the

fact that some few men come for personal interviews who are influenced solely by worldly motives, thinking that after a few of these they can obtain recommends from the Association which will be of assistance to them in obtaining government or other positions. Fortunately the number of such is small, but there are those who will even go as far as to ask "What will you give me if I will become a Christian?" apparently thinking it simply a matter of declaration. On the other hand the workers rejoice in the increasingly large number who come with evident desires to learn more of this religion which has made some give up their lives for the purpose of carrying it to others who have never heard.



Northfield.

Why is it that every McGill man, who has ever attended the Conference of college men at Northfield, is loud in its praise and anxious to attend another one? I think it is because of the "Northfield Spirit"—the fraternal spirit of six or seven hundred college men gathered there for the ten days—because of the associations of Northfield, because it is a representative and sane gathering of many of the best men of the colleges of Canada and the Eastern States.

Northfield is a beautiful little country town in Massachusetts, situated on the banks of the Connecticut River and near the border of New Hampshire and Vermont. Here for the past twenty years the great student gatherings have met, for the purpose of honestly working out how men may get the most out of their college life, and how they may best help their Alma Mater and fellow students.

Already a large number have de-

cided to join the McGill delegation. It is expected that this year's delegation will be much larger than that of any previous year.

Among Harvard's delegates was Frantz, their famous coach. Bowman, the captain of Yale's nine, was Chairman of the Athletic Committee, which is one of the highest honours at the Conference. Two years ago Mr. F. J. Tees, of McGill, was Chairman of this Committee. Prominent athletes from the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton and other colleges were also present.

The entire afternoon is given up to recreation and athletics, such as, baseball, tennis, golf, swimming and field sports. The morning and evening are given up to addresses, Bible Study, and Conferences on various subjects of college interest. One has to attend the Conference before he can appreciate the practical and sane character of these meetings. One finds manly christianity exemplified,

not only in the religious meetings, but also in all phases of Northfield life. Northfield broadens a man's view of college life and the world in general; it has enabled hundreds of men to acquire a higher and truer conception of life; and it is a name dear to thousands of college graduates and undergraduates.

Last year, July 1 to 10, nearly seven hundred men met to attend this Conference. McGill's delegation consisted of thirty-one men, the great majority of whom were undergraduates. They dwelt in tents, and had their meals in Marquand Hall with some fifteen or more delegations from other colleges, among which might be mentioned Harvard and Columbia. Our University held a prominent position last year from the fact that the McGill Quartette supplied the music for the Conference, and Professor H. M. Tory led the Sophomore Bible Study Class.

ATHLETICS.

R. V. C. Basketball.

The "Heather" Basketball Team, of Westmount, accepted a challenge from the R. V. C. team for a game on Thursday afternoon, March 16th. The game was perhaps the best that has been played in the "Gym." for the past two or three years. It was swift and clean, and the team work was good on both sides, R. V. C. showing up better in the second half. Miss Hutchison and Miss Scarff were perhaps the most conspicuous players on the Westmount team; and Miss Telfer, and the two defences on the R. V. C. team did much towards winning the game. The shooting was es-

pecially good, Miss Telfer doing all the scoring, except one splendid throw from the field by Miss Mowatt. The score ended 9 to 6 in favour of the R. V. C.

The personal of the teams was as follows:—

R. V. C.		Heathers.
V. Telfer,	Home,	C. Swift.
R. Lyman,	Forward,	E. Harling.
E. Mowatt,	Centre,	H. Hutchison.
(Capt.)		
G. Sauvalle,	Defence,	E. Scarff.
		(Capt.)
E. Macaulay,	Defence,	J. Mundie.
Referee—Mr. Merritt.		
Umpire—Mr. Higgins.		

After the match the Westmount girls were treated to a "spread" in the gymnasium by the R. V. C. team. This was perhaps the best part of the match, but the spectators were not allowed to partake of it.



The second team of the "Heathers" of Westmount challenged the R. V. C. second team to a match on Friday, March 24th. The challenge was accepted and both teams did some good work, but from the first it was evident that the Heathers had the stronger team. During the first half the play was not so swift, but both teams warmed up to it towards the end, and the score stood 6 to 4 in favour of the "Heathers."

In the first part of the second half the Heathers had the game all their own way. The score standing 14 to 4; but the tide turned and the college team began to show up, Miss Couture perhaps doing most of the scoring, although Miss McNaughton did good work. Three shots from the field and a free throw brought the game to an end, the score standing 14 to 11 in favour of the Heathers.

Mr. Higgins made an excellent referee, no umpire having been provided.

The teams had lined up as follows:—

R. V. C.		Heathers.
I. Couture,	Home,	Miss Mynne.
R. Mowatt,	Forward,	Miss Scarff.
M. McNaughton,	Centre,	Miss King.
		(Capt.)
B. Gillmor,	Defence,	Miss Mundie.
	(Capt.)	
A. McKeen,	Defence,	Miss Crossley.

Exchanges.

"Her hair is black, her eyes are grey,"

That's how he meant to run it,
But he got the black and gray reversed,

He's sorry now he's done it.

Visitor—"What is that rasping sound?"

Guide—"some student filing his course card."—Punch Bowl.

"Here is another example of faulty English," said the teacher of the class in rhetoric. "In this essay you have written, 'Her sigh broke upon the lanscape of entrancing loveliness.' How could any one's sight 'break upon' a landscape?" "She might have dropped her eyes," timidly suggested the young woman who had written the essay.—Ex.

Scene.—Divinity Examination.—Professor, who has been watching certain candidates gazing enraptured at the flies on the ceiling and vacantly combing their hair with their hands, is heard to remark, "We will now have the collect for those at sea!"

A fly and a flea in a flue
Were imprisoned. Now what could they do?

Said the fly: "Let us flee!"

"Let us fly," said the flea—

So they flew throw a flaw in the flue.

—Puck.

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"It took you an awfully long time to pull that fellow's tooth," said the assistant.

"Yes," answered the dentist, grimly, "he married the girl I loved."—
Ex.

A Few More.

"Cut it out," said the young man, as the physician suggested an operation for appendicitis.

"I'm going to raise Cain," remarked Abel as he glanced complacently at his straight flush.

"We will pursue this subject no further," said the Head Warden, as the Escaped Lunatic jumped over a precipice.

That depends on you," said the monkey, as he pulled the baboon's tail.—Lampoon.

Oh Fudge!

"Do you think her beautiful?"
"No, only figuratively speaking."

Small Margie—What is a glacial period, Uncle Bob?

Uncle Bob—It's the kind Boston girls use in punctuating their love letters.—Chicago News.

So well-read he, it made him blue
To know she thought him green,
and yet

He sought her hand, and now the
two

Their secret keep in-violate.

—Philadelphia Post.

What We Leave.

Lives of great men all remind us,
As their pages o'er we turn,
That we're apt to leave behind us
Letters that we ought to burn.

—London Star.

"I tell you their shell shot through
the water like an Indian's arrow."

"Well, they feather their oars."

There was once a fellow named Lister

Who was mashed on another's chap's
sister.

He thought, "'Twould be bliss

Her sweet lips to kiss,"

So he made the attempt, but he mis-
sed her.

But highly courageous was Lister,
And the next time he tried it he
kissed her;

But a box on the ear

Made it straightway appear

It was much more than bliss—it was
blister.

ABOUT THE COLLEGE.

Strathcona Hall.

Plans of the residences in Strathcona Hall are to be seen at the Secretary's office, in the Association rooms, 54 Victoria St. Applications for rooms are now being received.



"Alls Well That Ends Well."

The most important event since the last issue, and probably of the term, was the happy conclusion arrived at by the Faculty of Science as regards the fine question.

Not from a financial point of view, although each and every one is thanking his stars that he was asked to invest five dollars in the Faculty treasury for safe keeping, but in that it removes every cause of friction that could possibly exist.

Dr. Barclay, Chairman, of the corporation, read a general review of the case to the class, including a most humble apology that had been tendered to Dr. Walker by the students, for absenting themselves from lecture, and concluded with the information that on reconsidering the matter it was decided to remit the fine.

That this difference existed, was much deplored by the students, and the feeling was not that of suffering any imposition, but rather that of misunderstanding.

"The course of true love never does run smooth," and we feel that this little unpleasantness will ultimately tend to strengthen the mutual ties of affection that binds a student to his Alma Mater.

Literary Society.

This Society held the last meeting of the season on Friday night, March 17th. The attendance was large, as indeed it has always been throughout the year. The new regulation by which all Undergraduates of Arts pay their fee at the Bursar's office, and thus become members of the Society has certainly increased the attendance; but the Society would like to see more of the Undergraduates of the other Faculties also enrolled as members.

Great praise is due to the President and the Executive for the able way in which they have conducted the business of the Society.

The chief business of the evening was the election of officers for the ensuing year. After the meeting several of the members attended the "Literary Dinner" held at the Oxford.

The following were the officers elected:—

Honorary President—Principal Peterson.

President—Mr. J. Shearer, Arts '06.

1st Vice-President—Mr. J. Forbes,
Sci. '06.

2nd Vice-President—Mr. F. M. Auld, Arts '07.

Secretary—Mr. G. T. Wilson, Arts
'07

Treasurer—Mr. D. A. Cameron,
Arts '07.

Reporters—Messrs. E. K. DeBeck, Arts '06; C. N. Crutchfield, Arts '07.

Committee—Messrs. J. C. Nicholson, Arts '06; D. E. MacTaggart, Arts '06; W. L. Carr, Arts '06; S. Swift, Arts '07, and R. Calder, B.A., Law '06.

Representatives to the I. U. D. L.:—
 Honorary—Dr. Tory.
 Active—Mr. E. Sheldon, B.A.
 Reporter—C. N. Crutchfield.



The Literary Banquet.

The past successful term of the McGill Undergraduates' Literary Society culminated on Friday 17th, in a banquet as it should. At the close of the meeting held for the election of officers for the coming term, all who could possibly afford the time, betook themselves to the Oxford, where the feast was to be held. Those who arrived too early beguiled the time till the session began by grouping around the piano and singing college songs. For a little over an hour, beginning when Dr. Deacock, the toast-master, had caused to start the serious operations of the evening by seating himself at the head of the board, the annihilation of the conventional edibles went on; those who knew that they were to be called on later to speak were, naturally, rather pre-occupied by meditations on their orations; but those who believed that they were not to be called on were light of heart.

The toasts were as follows:—The King, Dr. S. B. Leacock; the Empire—proposed by R. L. Calder and responded to by C. A. Adams, B.A.; Canada; J. M. Forbes and D. E. McTaggart; Alma Mater, H. Howitt and E. McGougan; the Faculty, J. Nicholson and Dr. Leacock; the Undergraduate Literary Society, E. W. Sheldon, B.A., and W. L. Carr; the Retiring Officers, J. Shearer and C. A. Adams; the Ladies, H. T. Meldrum and J. J. Ower; St. Patrick, C. W. Crane and E. K. DeBeck.

Dr. Leacock proved a most eminently successful toast-master with his usual humour and apparently end-

less fund of good stories; yet his serious words too had much weight, and his talk on the desirability of closer relations in respect to work between professors and students, was one not lightly to be forgotten. Considering the number of good speeches that were made, it would be impossible to particularize and select one as better than another. Many good suggestions were offered as to the future working of the Society, and doubtless they will bear fruit in due season. Probably one of the best of these suggestions was to hold the next banquet of the Undergraduate Literary Society in the fall; not only would it then tend to make the members of the club become better acquainted with one another, and introduce the Freshmen to the club, but it would be a fit time for suggestions of improvements in the working of the Society.

Obituary.

For a second time this session, it is our sad duty to announce that death has visited the university, carrying off on this occasion a member of the staff in the Faculty of Applied Science.

The sudden death of Mr. Cuester A. Mooney, demonstrator in Mechanical Engineering, came as a severe shock both to his many friends and to those students with whom he was accustomed to work.

Although Mr. Mooney's home was in Sable Chasm, New York, he had spent most of his time for several years past in this city, having attended the Montreal High School before he came to McGill. He entered college with the present Fourth Year, but last spring accepted the position of demonstrator, and was consequently forced to drop out of '05, intending to graduate with '06.

Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, "Chester" was best known only to a few outside his own Year, but by all those who knew him intimately, his friendship was greatly prized and this sudden cutting short of such a promising career has been deeply felt by all. He will be greatly missed by the students, for his gentlemanly manner and capabilities had endeared him to them and had aided him to fill his position with complete satisfaction. The heart-felt sympathy of the members of the staff and of the students is extended to the sorrowing family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

"Reactionists in Science."

The adjourned meeting of Science held on Tuesday afternoon, March 28th, is worthy of more than passing note.

Briefly, the motion under discussion was:—"Resolved, that the undergraduates of Science place themselves upon record as being in favor of the "Faculty System" rather than the "McGill Year System"; and that the various organizations of the university be informed of this action. This motion was carried, the vote standing sixty-six to thirty-five.

A superficial consideration of this verdict would create the impression that Science has chosen to revert to the "Dark Ages" of internecine strife, and has set its imprimatur against the "Renaissance" of undergraduate organization. This happily is not the case, and it is very right that the real significance of the meeting should be made known to the students of McGill through the pages of their college paper.

The meeting is described by the city press as the "largest and most enthusiastic ever held in the Faculty of Science." We are not prepared to

affirm nor deny this superlative statement.

But in regard to the numbers:—"We have already said there were about one hundred men present. That only one-third of the students of Science should be interested enough to use their franchise upon a question, which might, if the movement became general, be of serious moment to McGill, is not creditable.

True, Science is about to face the final examinations of the session, but we must remark that the meeting was held at an hour which is very generally devoted to leisure and recreation. And are there not obligations of studentship which supercede its routine and grind!

Then doubtless, there were many men who appreciated that no action of Science at this time can precipitate this vexed question and remained away on that account. This was not as it should be, for indifference is the great enemy alike of progress and reform; principles are principles, and to face them makes better undergraduates and better citizens.

The minority then in a regular and constitutional meeting endorsed the motion. The value of this seeming endorsation we shall discuss presently, meanwhile the positive opinion of the majority of Science undergraduates is, as yet, not recorded.

Now in regard to the enthusiasm:—of that there was certainly much and to spare—of its kind. Mr. Bowness, '05, in an impassioned address spoke somewhat thus:—"Gentlemen, I advocate the 'Faculty System' as we used to have it. Our Faculty went down to the United States and found the 'University Year System'; they came back and gave it to us. Now, gentlemen, do we want to copy the United States. And besides, if I am down town and meet a Fourth Year medical man, what do I want to speak to him for; but if I see a First Year

Science man, I recognize him in a minute and am proud to speak to him"—vociferous applause from the back seats.

But Mr. McLachlan, '06, "out-Bounessed Bowness" in a still more dramatic and even sanguinary effort:—"Gentlemen, I am a fighter; they say that Medicine and Science used to fight under the 'Faculty System'; now, Mr. President, there is something in every man that makes him want to fight. It's good for him and it's good for the college, so I say let's return to the 'Faculty System.' Why look at the leaders of the 'Inter-Year System'! What are they! Why they are B. A.'s! preachers of holiness!"—and again the guileless Freshmen yielded up their uproarious plaudits to such irresistible philosophy.

These were the most potent "arguments" adduced in support of the motion "Arguments"!—they suggest that equine quadruped in "David's Harem," which was designated a horse to distinguish it from anything else.

Surely there is matter here for much mirth, but not without alloy.

Think, gentle reader, of sentiments such as we have cited, not only voiced, but actually applauded, in the first university of Canada, in the first decade of this enlightened twentieth century.

If the imputation of holiness—we use the word literally, unrestricted in sense by any —ism—has any verification in fact, then in the light of recent events and every-day life, the B.A. has an exalted and vital work right in our midst.

The desire to fight in man, we admit is innate and primary, but equally primitive and "unscientific." It has cost McGill too much. Too long deprived of her rightful laurels by the internal dissipation of her energies, only now is the salutary influence of co-operation finding expression in repeated triumphs.

Of the sentiment which excludes other professions and other interests than those with which a man or even a university Faculty is identified, we must say our word.

Considered on its lowest level, that of utility, the bread and butter level, that sentiment, much less its embodiment in practice, has no place in human affairs. The professions and the occupations are interdependent. The engineer builds the railroad, but owes his opportunity to his cabinet minister class-mate in Arts or Law; the physician directs the health policy of the city because its first executive knew him competent and worthy at Old McGill.

Upon a higher level:—Have we no interests in common in this university centre of privilege and power. Are there no enterprises of undergraduate life which need our united support. Obligation is ever the price of opportunity; opportunity is written large over the portals of every industry and profession of our native land; and shall not we, in this high place make strong the bonds of unity and harmony, which in our post-graduate days of larger citizenship shall effect progress and reform and add new lustre to the fair name of Canada.

There remains a higher level, the ideal, the humane:—In the words of a master mind of our own time:—"No man becomes independent of his fellow-men, except in serving his fellow-men."

But let us return to the meeting:—If the supporters of the motion were illogical and sensational, the arguments of its opponents were equally rational and conclusive. We may mention a few:—

I. The motion is introduced by the Seniors: It is not just that they should commit Science to a condition, the results of which they themselves will not be present at McGill to share.

II. Science compromises her rela-

tionship to the undergraduates body of McGill, by deciding, in Faculty, against a system at present endorsed by the undergraduate body as a whole.

III. No useful purpose is served, no point of value gained in expressing the opinion embodied in the motion, at this time.

IV. The McGill Union and dormitories, which under the present system will undoubtedly foster and promote the university spirit would, under the other system, become the battle ground for Faculty spleen and intrigue.

V. In the election of important officers of the undergraduate body, for instance, football captain, the candidates irrespective of past record or qualifications, would receive nearly unanimous support from their own Faculty.

But why go further:—These arguments and many more of the same calibre, were introduced by men such as Messrs. Dall-Harris, '05, and Wickware, '06, who have known McGill life intimately for many years and under both systems; by Messrs. Forbes and Wright, presidents of '06 and '07 respectively; by Mr. Brooks, '07, representing the hockey interests; by Mr. McCuaig, '06, captain of the track team, and Mr. Dave Ross, '06, representing basketball; and by many others prominent and representative in the undergraduate life of Science and the university at large.

Challenged to justify the motion, Mr. Fyshe, '05, claimed that under the present system the academic factor predominated and the Faculty resources were undeveloped. Mr. Fyshe then proceeded to beg the question by defying any man present to cite an instance in which the Year system had been a success. One does not have to see even an obvious thing which may account for such defiance at McGill to-day. Mr. Bell, '07, however, who has made a careful study of conditions in many American uni-

versities, was able to disillusion Mr. Fyshe and give the meeting some valuable facts and figures.

With a few exceptions the Seniors and Freshmen supported the motion, while the Juniors and Sophomores opposed it. The latter for reasons clear and commendable as stated above; the former for reasons which it may be well to scrutinize.

The Freshmen, 40 strong, as we have shown, were carried away by the empty oratory designed to win their support. McGill '08 has begun, what promises to be a stellar course, but we would remind its executive in all kindness, that if the Year is to be a strong factor here, it must be united and not dependent solely upon the unusual athletic prowess with which it is favored by fortune.

That the Seniors were actuated by a genuine desire to promote the welfare of McGill is the generous view, but the facts exclude it. Largely at the instance of a gentleman prominent in Science '05, this whole question was brought before the undergraduates of McGill last fall under the guise of an attempt to re-establish Inter-Faculty football. The verdict was well-known and decisive. It is all too plain then that this latest reactionary movement is simply a little self-administered soothing syrup for a few who are not yet weaned from the "Faculty System" and cling to the swaddling clothes which they have not yet outgrown.

That the "Faculty System" with its honorable scars, in its declining days has thus been dragged into the fierce light of criticism, will not be pleasing to even its most loyal admirers.

Much more, to be deprecated, it is that Science should have been led into this error at the end of the year and to no purpose. She is, however, a Faculty of deeds, not words, and early next session will reinstate herself.

In conclusion, let us say that the



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"University Year System" is here to stay. It has suffered for want of support, and in many instances has been condemned by its own constitutional and executive officers.

The worth of the system is well attested in McGill, '07. It is possessed of a splendid constitution drafted by its own committee and endorsed by the Alma Mater Society. Eighty-five per cent. of McGill Sophomores have paid the annual membership fee of McGill, '07. Its meetings are regular and well attended. Its athletic committees are well organized, representative and active. The friendships of each member extend into every Faculty of the university.

This is the system for which we stand. The province of a Faculty is to make machines; universities make men.

Our plea is for a greater McGill; for a larger fellowship in the commonwealth of man.



Spring Spasms.

THE RUBAIYAT OF A MCGILL STUDENT.

Wake! for the clock's alarm has put
to flight
Vacation dreams—Exams are now in
sight,
Long ere the Eastern sky is flushed
with dawn
Over our books we plug with all our
might.

And when this spring's exams are
gone and past,
Oh but the long, long years results
will last,
Which of our failing or our passing
heeds
As the sea's self doth heed a pebble
cast.

Ah! me! if you and I could but con-
spire

To grasp this sorry scheme of things
entire,

Would we not shatter it to bits
And then remould it nearer to the
heart's desire.

Would that the writer of exams
might yield

A glimpse—if dimly—yet indeed re-
veal'd,

Toward which the fainting student
then might plug,

For now we wander very far afield.

The rattled student writes, and what
was writ

Hands in; nor all his piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a
line,

Nor all his tears wash out a word of
it.

And those most dreaded men the
Faculty,

Who plough us heartlessly or let us
free,

Lift not your hands to them for help,
They haven't any use for you or me.

And fear not lest the Session closing
your

Account and mine, shall know the
like no more,

The blow of spring exams each year
has floored

Millions of students like us and will
floor.

W. L. HOLMAN.



AT PARTING.

O boys we've had a merry time
Through four short years of college,
In friendly rivalry persuing
The rut-filled road to knowledge.
In Freshman Year so bold and free
By nothing were we daunted,
In Sophy's eyes, our bois and fies
Were often by us flaunted.

Chorus.

So to-night let us drink
 With a clink and a clink
 One toast before we part
 To old McGill, all your glasses fill
 While warmly beats each heart.
 And here's to her, and here's to you
 Though all too soon we sever,
 There's not a heart that'll not beat
 true
 To Old McGill forever.

To Junior Year we quickly passed
 The remnants of the second,
 Three-quarter way up on the mast
 Toward the flag that beckoned—
 With hearty joke and laughter free
 And greater breadth of mind
 Our own professors failed to see
 The forms we left behind.

And now almost the journey's done
 The furrow's last sod turning
 Brings the reward to everyone
 For which we've all been yearning,
 But mid'st the joy of earned degree
 A tear doth dim the eye,
 For now the time is come we see
 When we must say good-bye.

O why does time so quickly fly
 And leave us naught behind
 Except a silent inward sigh
 From memory's depth resigned!
 But though we say our last adieu
 And shortly now must sever,
 There's not a heart that beats untrue
 To Old McGill forever.



ADVICE.

I no speak H'English very well,
 But some tings I want say.
 D'ough for my trouble I do'n spouse
 You'll want to give me pay.

De examins is come along.
 By gum dat is no fun
 De Teery is de firs of all
 An its a son of a gun.

D. C. is nex upon de lis,
 Its harder dan de dieble.
 An you had better lock de door
 When cow is in de stable.

If you tink you 'ave not time
 To learn about de lot.
 Jus know de questions dat d'll ask
 An you'll come out on top.

Joe Presner says he has a girl
 Jus sixty inches high,
 An if he pass all right dis year
 She'll 'ave him bye-and-bye.

Dat man Jno. Forbes de President
 Is never out at night,
 An wit his work his friends all say
 Is way up out of sight.

Now Dicky Lea to not get tin
 Does take Bovril dey say.
 He says Wampole's Cod Liver Oil
 Is too much for to pay.

De measurement electrical
 Is pretty tough dats true,
 But if you learn de manuscript,
 I tink for sure your through.

About de Thermo Lab. well now
 You'd better ask Ed. Turley,
 For he has plug dat subject so
 His hair is all up curley.

Now Bishop Dick is not so werse
 In winning subjects too,
 Of men dat know as much as him
 I gues dere are ver few.

Do'n stan at Union Avenue
 An make de goo-goo-eye.
 De Donaldas as got to work
 Jus same as udder boy.

CLASS REPORTS.

R. V. C., 1906.

It is remarkable how many people connected with Erin's green isle one discovers on St. Patrick's day. Dr. R., wondering at the small attendance at his lecture, remarked that probably the others were "in the procession." That reminds us of a question asked by a Senior the other day—if a class consists of one student and the professor, and the student fails to appear, should that be termed a "general slope?"

Many things point to the fact that the end of the session is at hand. The professors are beginning to call the roll to insure attendance at lectures, and to crack jokes to keep up the spirits of those present. Poor Miranda, who never saw a hockey match! She would not even understand the obvious remark that Ottawa is rough on Rats.

Another sure sign is the announcement that the Annual will soon be out, which will give us an opportunity to see ourselves as others see us. A great controversy is raging as to whether the brief character sketches should be taken literally or as expressing ideas directly contrary to fact. One lassie is in despair because, as far as she can discover, she is to be compared to Tennyson's "Brook," and if that is so she will never hear the end of it from a teasing brother. Another is wondering whether or not it is a compliment to be called "fair as a star, when only one is shining in the sky." A third is in an awful state of apprehension, for when she begged to be told whether the crisp remarks to accompany

her name in the Annual suited her character, her friend looked at her with a pained expression and answered, "yes, only too well."

MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Students, who forget for a single night that books existed, and attended the meeting of the Medical Society on Friday night, March 24th, must have felt that their confidence in the ability of the Society to provide an enjoyable and instructive evening's entertainment was not misplaced. There were two papers read, interspersed with a few songs, which were greatly enjoyed, and at the end the members of the Senior Year displayed their learning in the discussion of the case for diagnosis.

Mr. McDermott, '05, read a paper on "Mechaud Therapy," which gave a very clear and able exposition of the uses and value of massage as applied in medicine to-day. In the short time at his disposal, only a brief outline of this wide subject was attempted, but the emphasis, which was laid on its value as a therapeutic measure, and on the dangers of its practice by unskillful hands, must have filled some of us with a desire to look further into this important subject, which does not, as a rule, come under the notice of the student in a very practical form.

Mr. Robertson, '05, then favoured the meeting with a song, which was greatly appreciated and heartily encouraged. Following this there was a slight lapse in the sequence of events, which was very obligingly filled up by Mr. Johnson, '07, with a couple of

songs, which were, needless to say, much enjoyed.

Dr. McCrae was then briefly introduced by Mr. Cumming, '05, and proceeded at once to read his paper on "Some Literary Physicians." There were perhaps many in the audience, who had listened to discourses far more learned and even more eloquent, but it is doubtful if they ever listened to one which was more "good to hear." The lecturer's literary, yet easy style, his command of language and taste; the selection of quotations and the blending of pathos and humour, all combined to leave a feeling of unalloyed enjoyment in his hearers.

The most remarkable of the characters treated were Rabelay, Smollet, and Oliver Wendell Holmes. The writings of the first two were evidently selected for their bizarre nature, and the extravagance of their humour; whilst in the writings of the latter author, perhaps the greatest of literary physicians, special attention was drawn to excellence of style and depth of thought. The description of "The Race" (of life), quoted from Wendell Holmes' writings, coming as it did at the end of the lecture left us all with a deep feeling of gratitude to Dr. McCrae for the pains he had taken in preparing for us such a literary treat.

A vote of thanks to Dr. McCrae was carried with great applause.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the reporter, the Case for Diagnosis was read by the Vice-President, Mr.

Nelles, '05. The discussion was not in any way spirited, and though one diagnosis was correct, and two others near the mark, there was a great lack of animation in the discussion which might easily be improved upon.

The meeting then adjourned, after the correct diagnosis had been pronounced, to the fourteenth of April, when the closing address will be delivered by Dr. J. C. Cameron, and officers for the ensuing year elected.

THE YEAR '07.

A very good meeting of this Year for the time of session was held in Lecture Theatre, No. IV., of the Medical Building, on March 18th, President F. W. Bates in the chair. The concluding business of the session was carried through with a zest that clearly showed the firm hold the Year spirit has laid on our members. The first item was that of recording a resolution of regret at the death of our late lamented Secretary, Mr. Pringle. A successor was appointed in the person of Mr. Kingston, of Science. The next business was, that of confirming the appointments of the various sections of the class to the Year's Annual Board. Messrs. G. Wilson and A. L. McLennan were appointed auditors of the Year's accounts. In this connection it was very gratifying to know that in membership fees alone the Year had collected upwards of \$40.00 at twenty-five cents a member. The chief item of disbursement was the expense of the souvenir

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A. ROY MACDONALD, Teacher

watch fobs given to our victorious Year football team last fall. The last matter of business related to a modest social function, which the Year decided to hold at our nomination meeting during the first week of next session. The object is to stimulate the Year sentiment as strongly as possible at the outset, so that we may be enabled to maintain our proud record of chief champions of the Year system. Let everyone keep this function in mind as he thinks of the new session, and we feel safe in promising in advance a rousing time.

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SCIENCE, 1905.

It was with sincere regret that the Undergraduates of Applied Science, and especially those of the 4th Year, learned of the death of their esteemed friend and class-mate, Mr. C. A. Mooney, which took place at his home on March 18th, after a few days illness. This is the first time the class of Science '05 has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its members. They always knew him as a man of sterling worth and genial disposition, and his loss will be truly and deeply felt by all those with whom he was brought into contact. To his bereaved parents and relatives his class-mates can only extend their deepest sympathy.

The graduating class from Arts, Law and Science cannot express their delight at the information that the young ladies of the R. V. C. have consented to present their famous play at the graduation exercises. This production is spoken of very highly by all the dramatic critics who have witnessed it, and we are confident that in its presentation, not only its scenic effect, but also the skill of those acting will tend to make the memory of the Class Day Exercises of "never-to-be-forgotten" memory.

SCIENCE, 1907.

The captain of the hockey team wishes to thank the members of the team, not only for the game which they played, but also for the good natured way in which they turned out to support the hockey reputation of the Year.

The team was composed of Spafford, Mather, Mulock, Werner, Howe, Shearer, Allan and Morrow.

We did not win the championship, but it was not through lack of support. We did our best, but Med. '08 did a little better.

Mr. W. M. B. M—cd—n—ld absolutely denies any connection with a rumour concerning an elopement to a neighbouring city, which was going around the class last week.

It is said that the gentleman referred to is very greatly incensed at the report, and if the author of the rumour can be discovered a lawsuit will be certain to follow.

It is reported that the matrimonial advertisement found on H—r—ld H—ght—n's chemical Lab. desk is working satisfactorily. He is now often found carrying out research in that laboratory at odd hours, and reports considerable success. Congratulations from '07. You see it pays to advertise.

H—y says he expects to get through

his exams because he is cutting his wisdom teeth.

B—ch—th hasn't given up his whistle yet, neither has he been to the theatre of late, consequently we are plagued with San Toy and other ancient favourites. It is rumoured that he is about to change his course to one in Arts, in fact he has been seen going up to the Arts Shack of late in company with a fair one.

We hear Prof. B—v—y's book on Theory of Structures has been reduced from \$7.50 to \$5, which is less than it might have been, which is absurd.

SCIENCE, 1908.

Everyone is up to his eyes in work, and the chief topics of conversation in the halls are now what kind of questions we'll have in Trig, and whether there will be a shadow question in Descrip; while such questions as "How many experiments have you done in the Lab.?" may be heard on every hand.

G—dch—ld has the forge near the door in the smithy, and wouldn't change places with anyone in the section. Last Thursday six parties of strangers visited the shop, and it was magnificent to see Goodie make the sparks fly, pausing occasionally to wipe his heated brow with his bare forearm, whenever the fair ones came in sight.

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as if it had been his birthday.

Our Ottawa correspondent says the hockey fever is so strong there, that the baggage-man at the station gave the undertaker a body-check.

ARTS, 1906.

AN Interview with an Ordinary Mortal.

As the supply of great men was running short, the scribe decided to hunt for one outside of Arts '06, although he realized the difficulty. Perceiving the Arts '07 reporter laboriously composing epitaphs for his unfortunate class-mates, the scribe spoke to him, although he was

not a great man. The '07 reporter handed him a three cent cigar and asked him what troubled him.

"Sir," said the scribe, "why is it that you ever entered that '07 bunch? Surely you must have been out of your mind."

"Alas," said the reporter, "the fates have been unkind to me. I entered the Faculty of Arts, greatly desiring to be a member of that most glorious class of '06, since I had heard of the great fame of a Mr. C—us—ns of that Year, and much desired to follow in his footsteps. But my hopes were blasted, for the authorities, for some reason unknown to me, refused me that great honour and cast me into gloom. However, in order that

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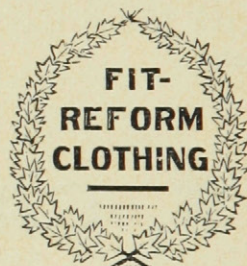
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I might be as near that shining light as possible, I foolishly consented to associate with a motley crowd to whom the name '07 was applied. But now I am sorry that I took that step, for I fear that they may have a bad influence on me. I have no hope for my present associates—none whatever; and yet I write their future fate that they may take warning and try to mend their ways. Would that I were far distant from this depressing atmosphere, and would that I belonged to Arts '06, the most glorious class of all, in order that I might listen with awe to what the great men of that illustrious class have to say."

Hereupon the reporter wept, and the scribe silently stole away, his heart full of pity for the misfortunes of the poor wretch.

MEDICINE, 1906.

I'd the sprig D. R. F.'s jadc
Lighaly turns to thouds of love.
Had in had we se theb wadder
Od the moundain jar above.

Prof. to student smoking—"Have you another of those?"

Student—"Sorry Doctor, I've just borrowed this one myself."

(Delayed in Transmission).

McE—"Have you heard the joke about the Forbes-Robertson pupil?"

"Teth Mithter Maybe, thath the one I have you down for."

MEDICINE, 1907.

The King is dead—long live the King!

(Anatomy is over—look out for Physiology!)

B' Jove, I, I, I, j just poked his eye out!

Private advices from Chee Foo state that our forces engaged the enemy on Tuesday, March 21st, storming their position with heavy artillery. The enemy, led by Gen. Francisco Bergerino and Colonel McCarthino were forced to abandon their position and retire to their fortifications in the Prosectors' Room. There they made a desperate stand, but detachments of our forces engaged them on March 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, finally wearing them out completely. Their retreat was covered in a masterly way. I regret to report that our loses were 22 killed, wounded, and prisoners. We are now pushing forward and expect to meet with some opposition from Gen. Wesley Mouline, who with Major "Well-Now," are reported to be entrenched across our line of march.

Those of us whose nervous systems have not been wrecked by the agony of last week's suspense had better look up some information in regard to the said system—this doesn't apply to Trufant, Clarke, MacLennan, *et al.*

This is the last time we will be called upon to contribute the class news—and with feelings of unalloyed grief (?) we contemplate the last occasion we will have to reply to the eternal questions—"OUTLOOKS out yet?" and "Where's my OUTLOOK?"

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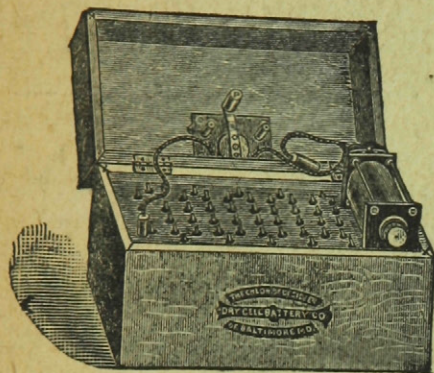
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